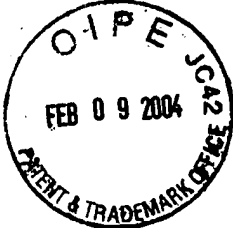


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

 Docket No.
081607-1180

 Commissioner for Patents
 Mail Stop RCE
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

 In re Application of: **Petite, et al.**

 Application Number: **09/925,393**

 Filed: **08/09/2001**

 For: **Systems and Methods for Providing Remote Monitoring of Consumption for a Utility Meter**

 Group Art Unit: **2857**

 Examiner: **Wachsman, Hal D.**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows:
 (check time period desired):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$ 55.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$ 210.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$ 475.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$ 740.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$ 1,005.00 |

- ☐ Payment of the Extension of Time appears in the enclosed Amendment Transmittal Letter. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25.

- OR -

- ☒ Payment is enclosed as follows:
- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ enclosed.
 - ☒ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached in the amount of 440.00
 - ☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge _____ to a Deposit Account
 - ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-0778. A duplicate copy is enclosed.

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

2.5.2004

Date

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